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SUBJECT: OECD 1976 PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES MISSION'S SUCCESSFUL EFFORT TO PRODUCE ZERO REAL GROWTH OECD 1976 BUDGET. WE WOULD PREFER TO SEE BUDGET APPROVED BY COUNCIL IN ITS PRESENT FORM, BUT REALIZE THAT SECGEN WILL MAKE STRONG CASE FOR RESTORATION OF SOME CUTS.

2. DRAFT BUDGET CALLED FOR REAL INCREASE OF 4 MILLION FRANCS. 3.3 MILLION FRANC REDUCTION IN THE DRAFT BUDGET I' NIMUM WE CAN ACCEPT. MISSION AUTHORIZED APPROVE PART I BUDGET ON THAT BASIS -- I.E. TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS OF 210.44 MILLION FRANCS.

3. COMMENTS ON PART II BUDGETS. ON CER, OUR POSITION REMAINS THAT NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO 5 MILLION IN 1976. AGREE WITH BUDGET COMMITTEE ON ROAD RESEARCH ACTIVITY. MISSION MAY APPROVE THIS BUDGET. MISSION MAY APPROVE IEA BUDGET CALLING FOR MEMBER COUNTRY ASSESSMENTS OF 19,549,800 FRANCS. AGREE WITH BUDGET UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION ON FINANCIAL SUPPORT FUND (PARA

5-D, REFTEL). MISSION MAY APPROVE BUDGET FOR RESEARCH
PROJECT OF 3.9 MILLION FRANCS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PREVIOUS

AUTHORIZATION. PLEASE ADVISE EXACTLY HOW THE 3.9 MILLION
FRANCS WILL BE ASSESSED TO MEMBER COUNTRIES NEXT YEAR.
WILL U.S. BE ASSESSED 25 PERCENT OF THE 3.9 MILLION OR
A LESSER PERCENTAGE. MISSION MAY APPROVE DEVELOPMENT
CENTER BUDGET ON BASIS PROPOSED BY BUDGET COMMITTEE AND
EXECUTIV: COMMITTEE (PARA 5-F, REFTEL).

4. MISSION REQUESTED TO PROVIDE BY CABLE AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE SUMMARY TABLE LISTING TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR
PART I AND PART II (INCLUDE NEA ON BASIS OF BUDGET
APPROVED BY STEERING COMMITTEE AND ASSUMPTION THAT U.S.
WILL BECOME MEMBER OF NEA EFFECTIVE 4-1-76); TOTAL
ASSESSMENT BUDGETS; ANY ADDITIONAL CREDITS (EXCEPT
REIMBURSEMENT FOR PERSONNEL); AND U.S. CASH CONTRIBUTION.

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